GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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STRATEGY TO FIGHT MILITANCY
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of the recent terrorist attacks on US, the Government have decided to modernize/upgrade the Indian security agencies and also decided to review their overall strategy of dealing with militancy in the country;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether the Bomb Data Centre of the National Security Guards was assigned to make an indepth study about the new explosive devices that can be used by militant outfits;

(d) if so, the details in this regard; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to deal with such militant strikes ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a) to (b): Modernization/upgradation of security agencies including State Police Organizations for effectively dealing with terrorist and other subversive activities of anti-national/militant elements is a continuous process Financial assistance is provided to the State Government for modernization of their police forces including procurement of latest weaponry and other equipment. Weaponry, transport and communication systems of Central Para Military Forces are also being modernized and their training being upgraded to better equip them to deal with terrorist and insurgency situations. Central assistance is also provided to the State Governments for raising Indian Reserve Battalionsand wherever necessary Central Para Military Forces are also deployed to assist the State Police. Internal security situation is periodically reviewed with the concerned State Government and intelligence inputs are shared for effectively dealing with terrorists/militants in the country. As a result of these coordinated efforts security agencies have been able to neutralize a lot of Pak backed modules.

(c): Such a task has not yet been assigned to the National Security Guards.

(d): does not arise.

(e): After the terrorist attacks on WTC, New York, Ministry of Home Affairs has issued instructions to the State Governments and the concerned Ministries for strengthening of security arrangements of airports and other vital installations, historical monuments of national importance, important Government establishments and major centers of religious, business and commercial importance. Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) has already been deployed on 23 airports in the country and Quick Reaction Teams (QRTs) have been constituted at sensitive airports and major installations in the country to deal with any strikes by militants or insurgent groups. State Governments have also been advised to strengthen the intelligence set up and co-ordinate with central intelligence agencies.